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Subject: CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Environmental Impact Report
Environmental Impact Statement

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Gentlemen:

The CalFed program started with great promise to all Californians. It was going to develop an equitable program to balance the water needs of cities, farms, and the environment. After more than four years of development, the CalFed program provides firm specified guarantees for the environment but only vague paper promises for cities and farms. The CalFed Program now offers promise only to a select group of Californians, not all Californians. The CalFed Program has lost its direction.

CalFed has, because of political pressure rather than good science or responsible planning, avoided or delayed decisions pertaining to the development of integrated conveyance and storage facilities which are needed to meet current as well as future water supply and water quality demands. The CalFed program, as currently constituted, could result in further reducing rather than restoring or increasing water supply and water quality. The environmental document fails to clearly and specifically describe potential impacts to water supply and water quality.

We urge CalFed to include integrated conveyance and storage facilities in the initial phase of the CalFed program, parallel with water management and ecosystem restoration. The integrated conveyance and storage facilities should be described in the same clear, detailed, and thorough manner as water management and ecosystem restoration. These three aspects of the CalFed program need to be assessed simultaneously for balanced and equitable consideration. CalFed will have failed if integrated conveyance and storage facilities are not considered in conjunction with and to the same degree as water management and ecosystem restoration.

Sincerely,

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